

ABSTRACT

- A tensioning apparatus and torque rod for tensioning flexible load restraining strips for use in securing cargo within a transport container wherein
- 5 the torque rod is composed of a high strength, light weight material that is easy to manipulate and comprises a torque rod with a pair of opposing tines and a longitudinal channel between the tines that gradually increases in width from a closed end or proximal portion of the rod to an open or distal end of the torque rod.

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